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1. Dao An, abbot of the Vietnamese Temple (Wat Po) in Bangkok, states that Thai Government pressure against Vietnamese refugees in Thailand is increasing daily.* The government now prohibits Vietnamese from pursuing such trades as charcoal producing, tailoring, barbering, and rice farming. Many of the refugees complain that they face extreme hardships earning their livelihood and that they can expect additional difficulties when it becomes necessary to make donations to the Viet Minh.
2. Nguyen Duc Quy, Ho Chi Minh representative in Bangkok, claims that a report of 13 October 1950 in the newspaper Prachakorn, stating that Quy had promised to transfer all Viet Minh refugees back to Indochina, is false.
3. About 10 October 1950, Quy went to see Lt. Gen. Mongkorn Pranyothi, Thai Minister of Interior, at his home on Lang Suan Lane. The purpose of Quy's visit was to secure a postponement of the Thai Government order evacuating Vietnamese refugees from the northeastern provinces of Thailand. The General was at home, but refused to see Quy. Quy was also refused in his attempt to obtain an interview with the Deputy Minister of Defense.
4. Quy has announced to the CID the dissolution of the various Viet Minh associations which are registered with the Police Department. Police officials look upon this simply as a security precaution, however, and assume that Viet Minh activity will continue underground.

* [REDACTED] Comment. According to [REDACTED], 27 October 1950, Thai Government pressure on Vietnamese refugees has caused an increase in the number of recruits for service in the Viet Minh army.

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